

press release

Malaysia presents a USD35 billion opportunity for the private sector to invest in sustainable development, says Standard Chartered

- *Opportunity2030 study reveals the almost USD10 trillion private-sector investment opportunity in contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in emerging markets*
- *Over 70 per cent of the USD35 billion private-sector SDG investment opportunity in Malaysia is investment in improving transport infrastructure*

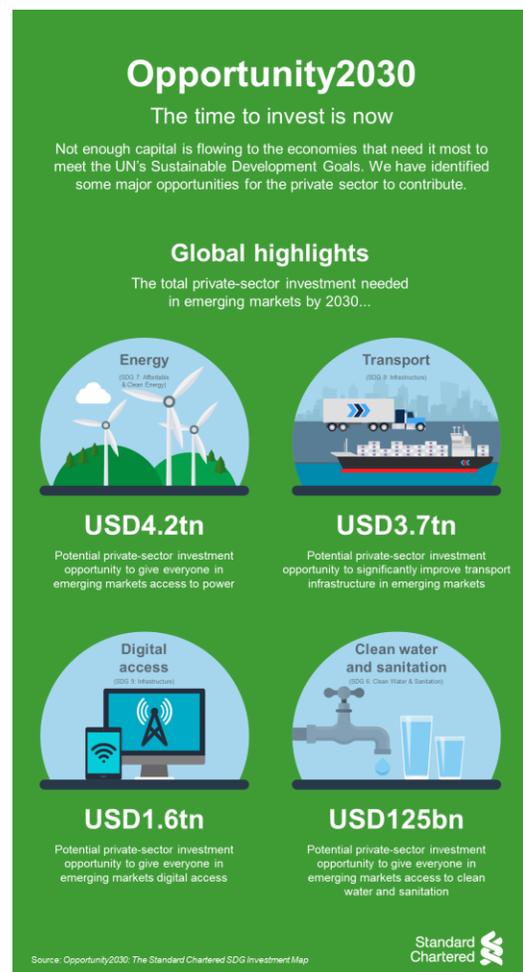
18 February 2020, Kuala Lumpur – *Opportunity2030: The Standard Chartered SDG Investment Map* reveals an almost USD10 trillion (USD9.668 trillion) opportunity for private-sector investors across all emerging markets to help achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with Malaysia representing USD35 billion of that total.

The study identifies opportunities for the private sector to contribute to three infrastructure-focused goals between now and 2030: SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy and SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure across emerging markets.

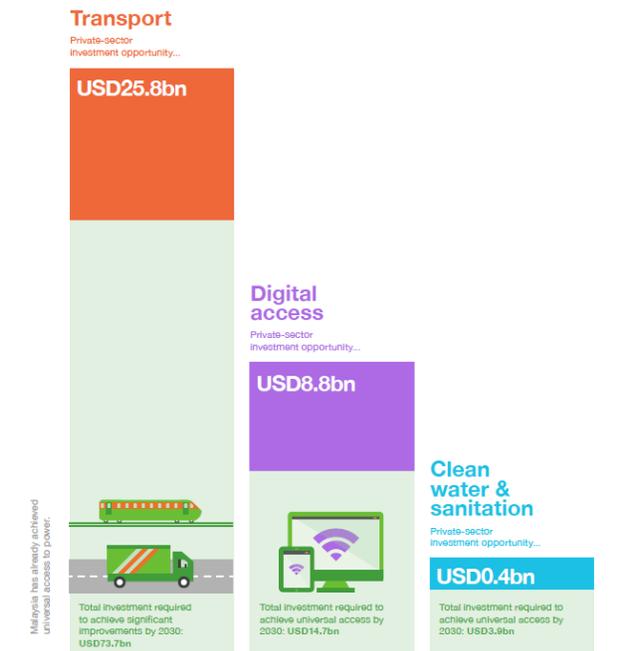
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In Malaysia, the greatest SDG opportunity is found in SDG 9, which encourages improvement in industry, innovation and infrastructure. *Opportunity2030* finds that to significantly improve Malaysia's transport infrastructure by 2030, an estimated USD73.7 billion is required, with an opportunity for the private sector to provide USD25.8 billion of the funding. This need represents 71 per cent of the overall investment opportunity for Malaysia.

The second-largest opportunity for private sector investors is in improving Malaysia's digital adoption levels, also an indicator of SDG 9. Securing full digital adoption in Malaysia – a combination of mobile phone subscription rates and internet connectivity – would require private-sector investment of around USD8.8bn.



Malaysia SDG investment grid



Malaysia already has universal access to power (a key SDG 7 indicator) and 98 per cent of the population has access to clean water and sanitation (a key SDG 6 indicator). Achieving universal access to clean water and sanitation therefore represents a relatively modest opportunity of USD0.4 billion for the private sector.

Abrar A. Anwar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Malaysia says:

“As a relatively advanced economy with strong growth prospects, Malaysia is as an attractive place for investors. The government is committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals through their Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 and has spoken of its emphasis on private-sector participation in order to achieve the SDGs.”

“Opportunity2030 provides an important map of the SDG opportunities for private sector investors looking to invest with impact and improve the lives of millions of Malaysians over the next decade.”

Opportunity2030: Investment opportunity in achieving the SDGs in Malaysia, by sector indicator:

	SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	
Sector	Water and sanitation	Power	Transport	Digital access
Current performance	98% access to clean water and sanitation	100% access to electricity	Logistics Performance Index (LPI) infrastructure score of 3.15	85% digital access
Target by 2030	100% access to clean water and sanitation	100% access to electricity	LPI infrastructure score of 3.57	100% digital access
Total investment required to 2030	USD3.9bn	n/a*	USD73.7bn	USD14.7bn
Potential private-sector investment opportunity to 2030	USD0.4bn	n/a*	USD25.8bn	USD8.8bn

* Malaysia already has universal access to power so the investment opportunity to achieve this is not included in the country's total investment opportunity figure. However, with a growing economy, there will be an additional need for continual investment in affordable and clean energy to maintain access in a sustainable way.

You can download the full Standard Chartered Opportunity2030 report [here](#).

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Notes to editors:

Opportunity2030: The Standard Chartered SDG Investment Map is a macroeconomic study that draws on global data sources and indicative private-sector participation rates to provide companies, institutional investors and other stakeholders with an overview of where their investments could have the greatest impact. It spans 15 of the world's fastest-growing economies and estimates the potential private-sector investment opportunity to contribute to three of the most investment-ready SDGs (6,7 and 9). Within these SDGs, it focuses on four indicators – water and sanitation services; power; telecoms (digital access); and transport infrastructure. For further details, please refer to the [full report](#) and methodology.

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